COMSOCEUR's STRATEGIC VISION

A Theater Perspective on Coalition Warfare

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Setting Regional Conditions for the GWOT…

- **What can (should) be done**:
  - In coordination with "Find / Fix / Finish" effort, and…
  - … before we swing the "Golden Hammer"
- **Fight globally, but *PREVENT* regionally**
- **Requires willing and capable friends…**
  … synergistic effort
  … a Coalition
- **Just Like SOF – capable coalitions cannot be created overnight !!**

GUIDANCE

PRIORITIES

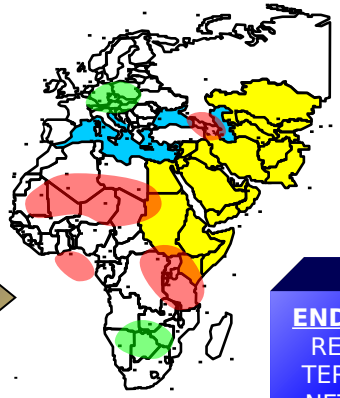
1. Theater Campaign Plan for WOT
2. Theater Security Cooperation Strategy
3. EUCOM Support to Emergent Operations

Strategic Guidance

"The SOF Lens"
SOCEUR's Supporting Operational Strategy

DELIBERATE ENGAGEMENT
Key Tasks: Find – Capture or Kill – Neutralize

UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE
Key Tasks: Enable – Improve – Deny – Access



END STATE: REDUCED TERRORIST NETWORK, RESOURCES, AND SANCTUARY

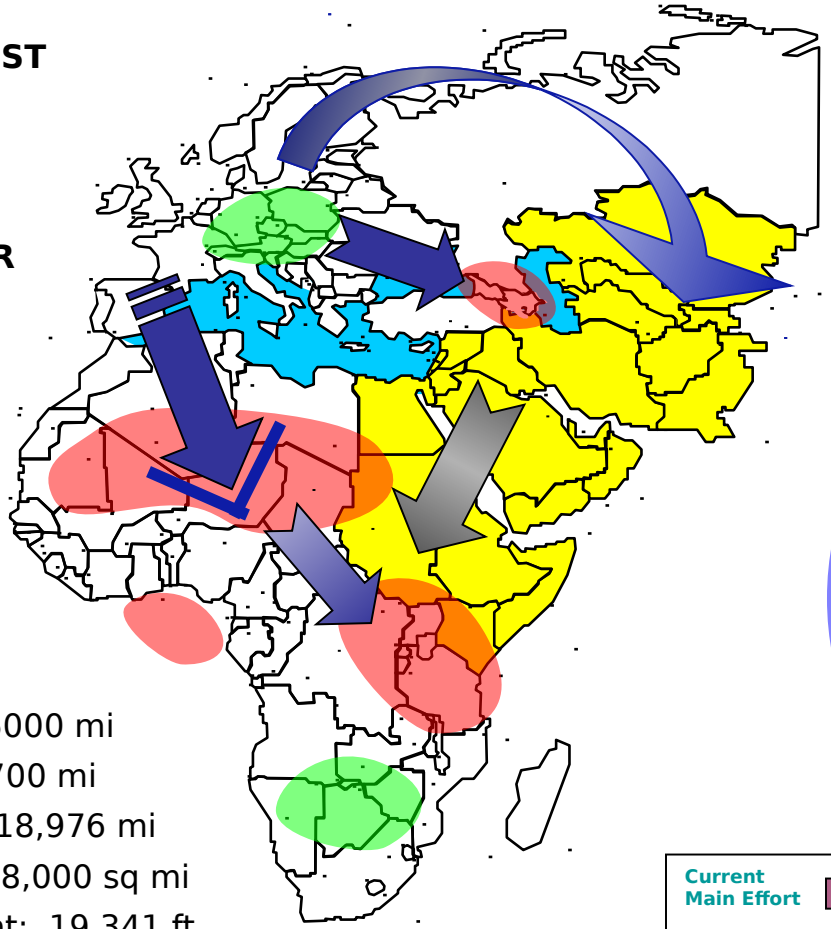
Build Battalions → Joint Air-Ground-Maritime → Regional Capability → Expand Zone of Influence

INCREASE FREQUENCY — *IMPROVE CAPABILITY* — *CULTIVATE INTEROPERABILITY*

SOCEUR's Theater Strategy

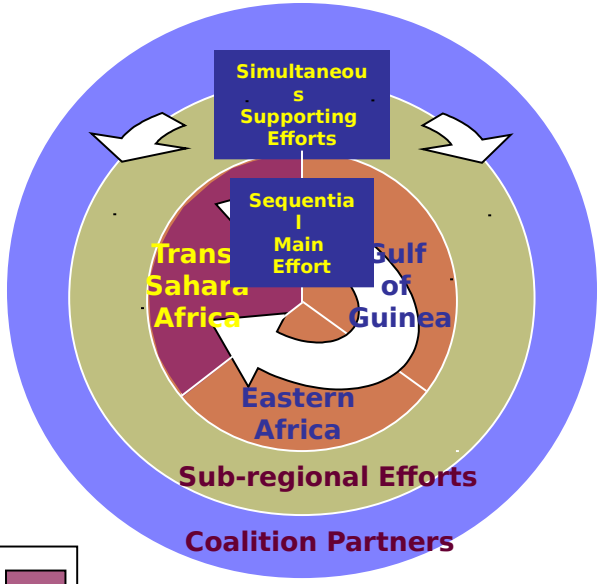
(Nested in EUCOM's WOT Campaign)

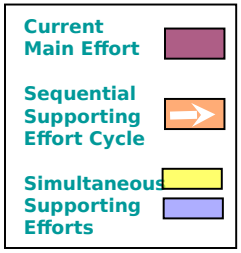
- **GWOT INTEREST**
- **PARTNERS**
- **CENTCOM AOR**



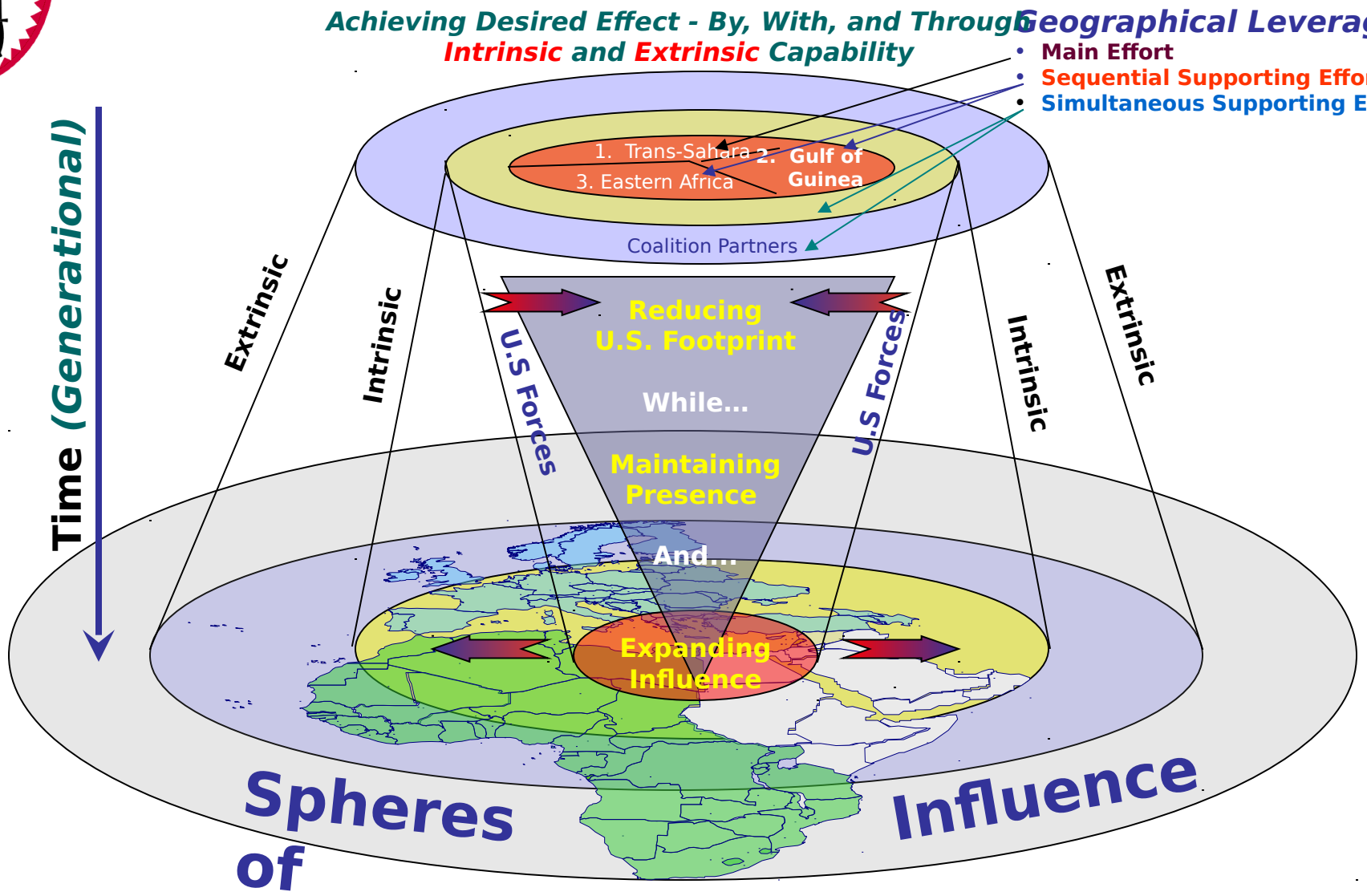
- Africa Statistics
  - Length: ~ 5000 mi
  - Width: ~ 4700 mi
  - Coast line: 18,976 mi
  - Area: 11,608,000 sq mi
  - Highest point: 19,341 ft
  - ***Population: 807,419,000***

Operational Framework

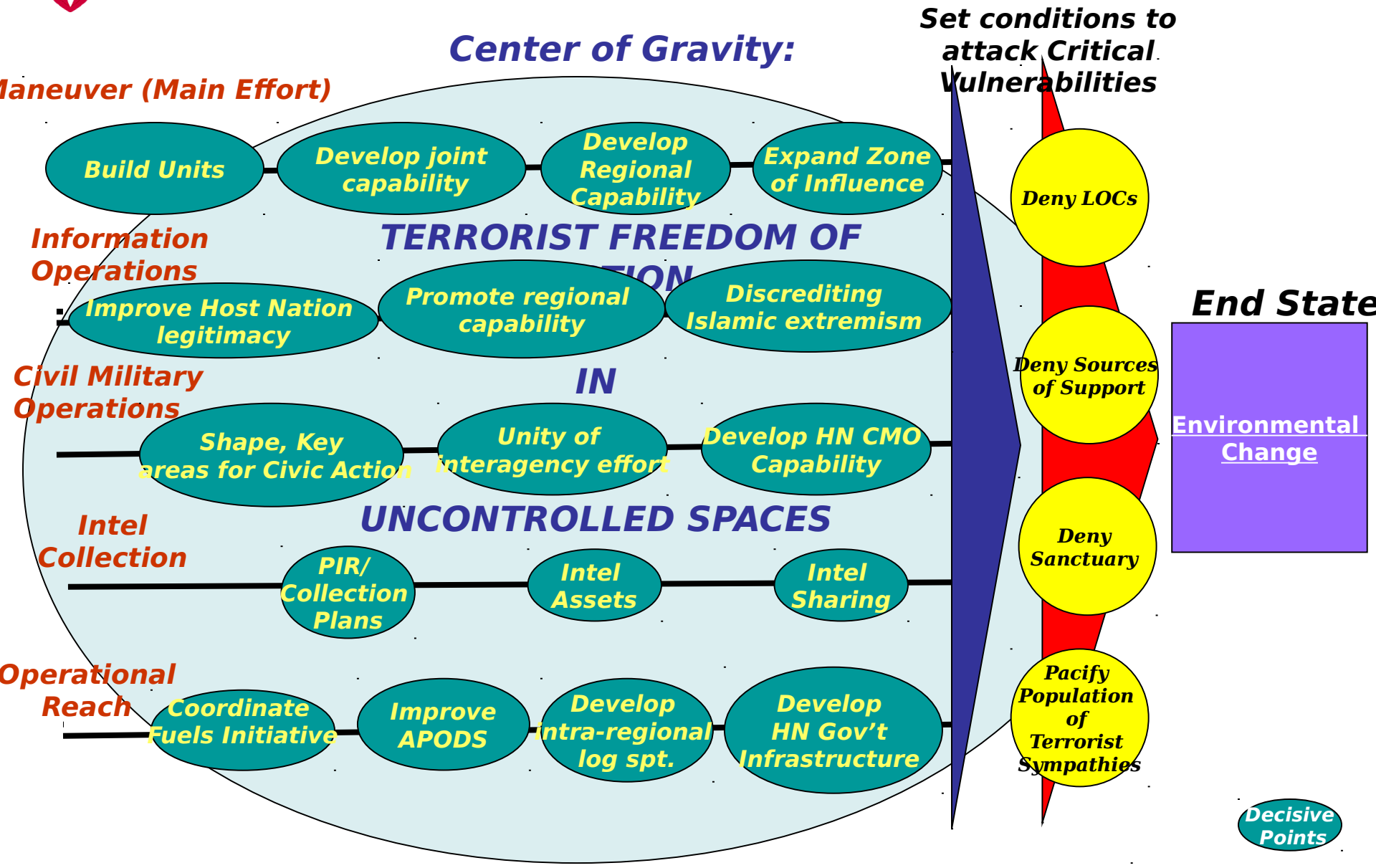




Coalition Warfare



Lines of Operation



PAN-SAHEL INITIATIVE

INTRINSIC FORCES

Safe haven for extremists; borders are unable to be regulated or patrolled due to size

Terrorist organizations operate throughout the Sahel

1/10th Special Forces Group teaches mounted infantry tactics to soldiers from the Malian Army in Timbuktu, Mali

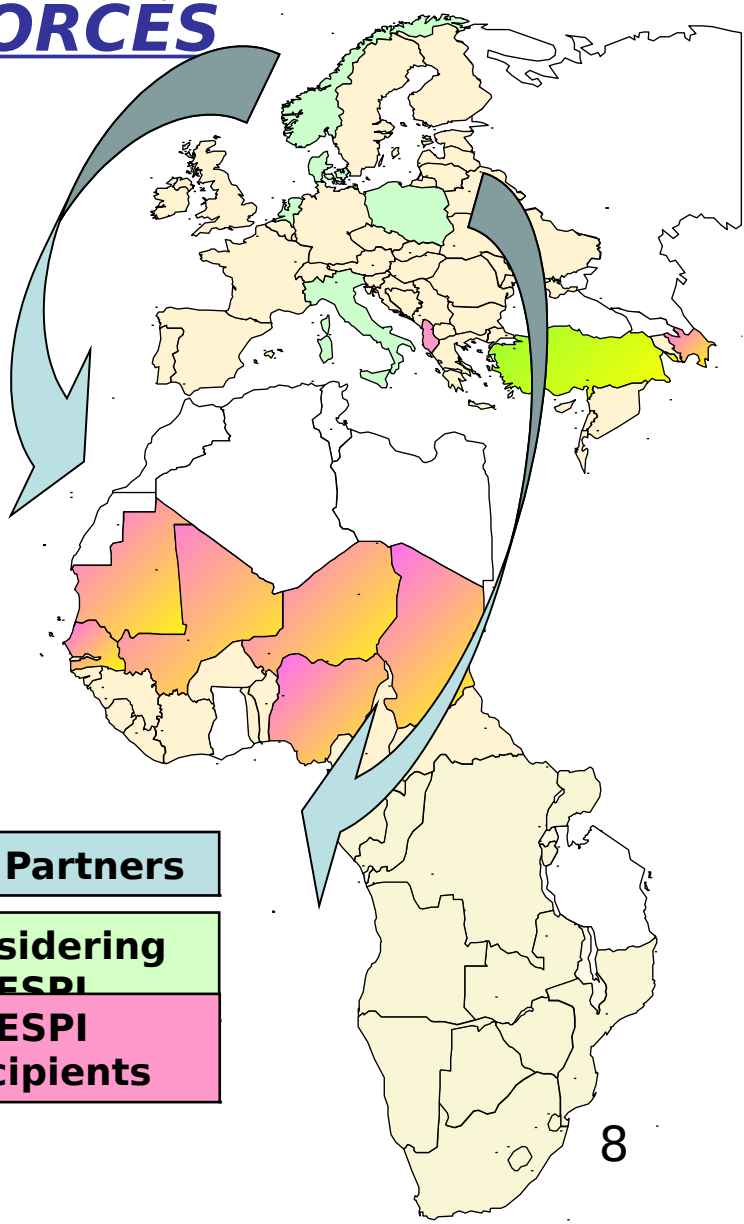
Interiors are too large to enforce laws

1/10th Special Forces Group teaches mounted infantry tactics to soldiers from the Malian Army in Nouakchott, Mauritania

Enabling SOF Partners Initiative

EXTRINSIC FORCES

- **Seeks to expand upon traditionally bilateral activities**
- **Matches strengths from one, with requirements elsewhere in the coalition**
- **Intent is to Increase:**
  - **Regional Capabilities to accomplish mutual objectives**
  - **Interoperability among SOF capable nations**
  - **Participation in WOT**
- **Potential Future Activities:**
  - **Flintlock - TSCTI**
  - **Mediterranean**
  - **Trans-Caucasus**
  - **Gulf of Guinea**
  - ***Out of AOR ??***



Way Ahead…

<u>PREVENTION</u>, before Pre-emption:

(SOCEUR's Operational Imperatives)

- Get ahead of the enemy in potential sanctuaries…
- Develop and maintain strong links with coalition partners…

"To wait for terrorist threats to become clear and present is to leave the nation vulnerable to terrorist attacks."

- John Lewis Gaddis

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